SUBJECT No. 27.

Enhanced rate of *batta* to witnesses attending Civil Courts.

Mr. A. Narayana Iyengar, Hassan Taluk.

Mr. Narayana Iyengar.—The *batta* that is now being paid to witnesses attending Civil Courts is quite inadequate owing to the high prices of food grains and cart hire. They have to pay 6 annas for a meal while they get only 4 annas a day as *batta*. The last class of 4 annas per diem may be abolished and the remaining three classes namely annas 8, Rs. 1, and Rs. 2 may be continued.

Dewan.—A recommendation has been made by the Chief Court and it is under the consideration of Government.

SUBJECT No. 28.

Printing of records in appeal cases.

Messrs. A. Srikantappa, Dodballapur Municipality and Devasettappa, Dodballapur Taluk.

Mr. Srikantappa.—In appeal cases before the Chief Court, the entire records were usually being printed only in cases where the subject matter of the suit was more than Rs. 300. Recently, an order has been passed to the effect that, in all cases where the subject matter of the suit is more than Rs. 100, the entire records are to be printed and where it is less than Rs. 100, they should be typed. As this order operates as a great hardship and is otherwise expensive to the people, it is prayed that this order may be cancelled and the previous practice revived.

Justice Mr. K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar.—No such order has been issued. As it is found absolutely necessary for each Judge of the Chief Court to have a copy of the complete records when arguments are addressed by Counsel, it has been ordered as a tentative measure that in every appeal there shall be a paper book either printed or typed. In all appeals in which the records are bulky and contain more than 50 pages of manuscript matter, the paper books are printed, and in other cases, they are typed. The charges are very low and the additional expenditure incurred is trifling when regard is had to the facilities and conveniences secured to the Judges, Counsel and parties and the quickness with which papers can be disposed of. When records are less than 50 pages, they are required to be typed. Each page may cost about eight annas and the total cost may come to about Rs. 25 for which six copies can be had. Our charges are very low as compared with those in British Indian High Courts. The new arrangement has come into force only in February. We shall wait and see how the new system works.

Mr. Subbaraya Chetty.—Revenue records are not printed even when they go before His Highness, but if records come to the Chief Court, they will have to be translated and printed. In Mysore and Shimoga Divisions, there are no printing charges. The printing